

Remarks

Upon entry of the present amendment claims 1-34 remain in the application.

35 USC §102(e) Rejection

Claims 1, 6, 8, 10-12, 15, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Saeki. Saeki was cited for its disclosure of coating compositions comprising blocked isocyanates and a polyol made from diisocyanate diethanolamine and including solvent and pigments.

Reconsideration of the claims is requested. The instant claims are not anticipated or obvious over the Saeki reference for the reason the instant claims a coating composition comprising a resin (A) which is a urea reaction product of an isocyanate compound having two or more isocyanate groups and a hydroxyl functional compound having three or more hydroxyl groups and one amino group. The reaction between the isocyanate and the amine groups is favored over reaction between the isocyanate and hydroxyl functionality to form urea groups. See Specification page 6, par. 15. This resin is crosslinked with a separate component (B) having groups reactive with the hydroxyl functional groups on the resin (A). The Saeki et al. reference teaches prepolymer that includes a compound having in the same molecule, a blocked isocyanate group, hydroxyl group and a tertiary amine group. A urethane reaction product is formed upon heating when the isocyanate reacts with hydroxyl groups, col. 7, lines 5-17.

Based on this difference in the inventions, Applicants submit that the claims are not anticipated or obvious in view of the reference and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

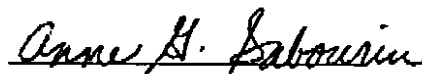
35 USC §103(a) Rejection

Claims 3, 4, and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Saeki. Saeki was cited for disclosing the invention of the claims even though the claims do not specify using isocyanurate or water.

Claims 2, 5, 13, 14, 16-19, 21-23 and 26 were objected to for depending on rejected claims.

Applicants submit that the instant claims are not obvious in view of the cited reference for the reason that the instant claims define a urea compound being formed from the reactants and not a urethane compound as taught in the reference. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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